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Applicant: William M. Clark, Jr., et al.

) Group Art No.: 2811

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) Examiner: Thien Tran

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Application No: 09/696,826

) **RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action dated November 29, 2001.

In the Official Action, the Examiner sets forth an election/restriction requirement asserting that claims 1-8 lack unity with claims 9-14.

The Examiner asserts that the device of the Group I invention could be made by a different process such as diffusing, instead of implanting.

In view of the foregoing comments made by the Examiner, the Applicants hereby elect the device claims 1-8 for examination in this Application, since the Examiner acknowledges that the device of those claims could be made by processes different from the processes recited in the group II claims.

An action on the merits of this Application is awaited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

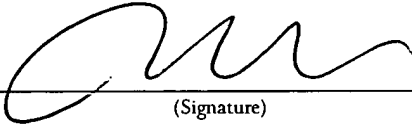
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